Hello and Happy New Year! We had a wonderful holiday season with our extended family and hope that you did, too. With all the hustle and bustle of the end of the calendar year, there were times we had to pause and remind ourselves to reflect on all that we experienced, the decisions we made and the adventures we had during 2013.

Our experience at this year’s President’s Council Weekend was a highlight. There was magic in the air that night. If you were unable to join us, you can see photos from the evening at bit.ly/PC_Dinner2013.

In this second edition of the PC Leader, we hope you’ll enjoy the beautiful reflection from Vice President of Ministry and Mission Rev. Paul Harman, S.J., see the impact of your gift in the profile of Kevin Cruse ’15; learn more about Larry ‘83 and Mary Anne Eagan ’83, P14 and their longtime commitment to President’s Council; and review our recent PC events.

We include a gift envelope in each edition of the PC Leader in the hopes that you will continue to support the College generously. To the many of you who have already made a PC-level gift this fiscal year, thank you.

We hope that 2014 is as good to you as you have always been to Holy Cross.

Michele and David Joy ’74, P11 Co-chairs, President’s Council

President’s Council IMPACT: Financial Aid
Recruiting the very best students and making Holy Cross affordable to them is central to the College’s mission. Sixty percent of Holy Cross students receive some form of financial aid; 50 percent of the student body receives Holy Cross-funded aid. Students like Kevin Cruse ’15 are able to attend Holy Cross thanks in large part to the generosity of President’s Council members. Kevin wrote, “This scholarship has allowed me to learn at a well-respected institution and push my learning limits beyond what I could have imagined.” When he is not studying or taking advantage of the many opportunities available to him, like the Summer Business Program, a four-week immersion program in business and entrepreneurship, Kevin enjoys club baseball and his volunteer work with Minnesota for Major League Baseball. This nonprofit organization seeks to introduce urban youth to the sport of baseball. Kevin aspires to work in accounting or finance.

This Holy Ground
a reflection from Fr. Paul Harman, S.J., vice president of Ministry and Mission

Here on the Hill, we often talk about “place.” Students will talk about their favorite place to study, to eat, to talk with friends, to sit alone, to worship, to exercise. Those of us who are here year-round also have our favorite places where we witness the sudden transformation after a fresh snowfall or the bursts of bright yellow forsythia and budding trees in the early weeks of spring.

Recently the Holy Cross home page featured photographs by Darien Henry, Class of 2014 (view the gallery at bit.ly/DHenryPhotos), who has a good sense of “place” and an appreciation of the beauty of the campus landscape and its buildings. “I wanted to capture the magical essence of the fall as it crept up on the Hill,” he said.

This is a place, a habitat. It is a hilltop place with gold-vermillion sunsets, with slopes and fields, with more than 6,000 trees and shrubs, and, on clear days, a great view of Mount Wachusett in the distance. It is a place of young energy, a place of learning and probing, a place of friendship and enjoyment, and it is a final resting place for 273 Jesuit priests and three others who generously served the College.

A character in one of J.D. Salinger’s short stories says “all we do our whole lives is go from one little piece of Holy Ground to the next.” When I first read that line 50 years ago, I thought it made good sense. I still do. It is easy to forget that we are on Holy Ground. Our mobile culture works against our valuing the linkage between where we live and how we go about living. Even so, each generation of students somehow intuits how place and time, mystery and meaning do come together at Holy Cross, this Holy Ground.

64 new members have joined President’s Council in the past quarter. Welcome!
Mary Anne ’83 and Larry Eagan ’83, P14

Identical twins Mary Anne and Maureen McEwen and their mother visited Holy Cross on a cold day in December 1978. Their mother appointed herself tour guide and embarrassed her daughters by stopping students to ask about campus life. But on the way home, Mrs. McEwen was delighted to hear that both daughters loved Holy Cross.

That same year, Bill Collins ’50 had written a letter of recommendation for his nephew, Larry Eagan. Uncle Bill told Larry he might meet his future wife at Holy Cross—and Larry was terrified. Eight months later, Larry met Mary Anne on their first day of orientation. The couple have been married for 26 years.

An economics major, Larry loved living in Hanselman, which won “Battle of the Dorms” two years in a row.

Mary Anne, a French major, says, “My favorite place on campus was my PO Box in Hogan. My mom wrote to my sister and me every single day—including junior year abroad.”

The Eagans live in Longmeadow, Mass., where Larry is a fourth generation co-president at family-owned Collins Electric and Mary Anne is a homemaker very involved in their local parish. They have four children with the eldest, Mary, a senior at Holy Cross and a fourth-generation Crusader, one of 42 such descendants and in-laws of Larry’s grandfather, William P. Collins ’19.

It’s a family tradition to attend and to give back to Holy Cross. Larry’s father, Lawrence J. Eagan ’54, was a longtime class agent and PC member, and his uncle, Don Collins ’49, was a charter member of PC. Grandfather William helped launch the Holy Cross Fund just after World War II.

“Mary Anne and I have committed to our membership since graduation,” Larry says. “We think PC members are wonderful folks who have made supporting Holy Cross a large part of their lives.”

To learn more about Mary Anne and Larry, including how they’ve passed on to their children the gift of giving back, visit bit.ly/pcspotlight.

Mary Anne and Larry Eagan ’83

Left to right: Rick ’80 and Gina Patterson ’80, Rev. Philip L. Boroughs, S.J., president, and Betsy and Michael Greene ’84 at the December 2013 Reception in New York City. This event included Distinguished, Regent and Benefactors Circle members of President’s Council in the New York area. To view more photos, please visit: bit.ly/PCdec13

PC Events

alumni.holycross.edu/pc
President’s Council Web page
alumni.holycross.edu
For all alumni resources
goholycross.com
Keep up with your favorite Crusader sports teams. The website has schedules, statistics and ticket information on all HC teams.
events.holycross.edu
Our campus is a bustling place. View our upcoming programs and events and plan to visit soon.
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